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Madame Chair and members of the Kansas Healthy Policy Authority:

I am Kathy Greenlee, acting Secretary of the Kansas Department on Aging. The department submitted 11 enhancements to its FY 2008 budget. Of those, six were to sustain existing programs and five were to enhance services. I would like to discuss with you today, two primary service enhancements that we proposed.

But before I talk about what KDOA has requested, I want to mention what the proposed KDOA budget does not include. For the first time in many years, KDOA is not requesting an enhancement for nursing facilities. Our caseload estimates are trending flat and with the rate increases approved by the 2006 legislature for adult care facilities, we have focused our enhancements for home- and community-based services.

I hosted a series of three budget meetings across the state this summer to ask for input from seniors, community groups and advocates. A constant theme was repeated throughout those meetings and by seniors, their families and advocates alike: the need for coverage of oral health services through the Home- and Community-Based/Frail Elderly Program.

HCBS/FE Waiver, Oral Health Services

KDOA has requested a two-pronged enhancement of \$3.3 million (all funds) to provide dental services that include prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease of the teeth, gums and related structures of the mouth including the repair or replacement of teeth. Of the \$3.3 million requested, \$1.3 million is funded through State General Funds. This enhancement is comparable to the addition of dental services added FY 2006 for recipients of services through the HCBS program for developmentally disabled and the physically disabled.

The first prong of the oral health enhancement provides for preventive dental services for approximately \$500 to the 3,793 Kansans receiving HCBS/FE services. We estimate the annual cost of this enhancement would be \$1.89 million all funds; (\$750,824 SGF).

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The second component requests \$1.4 million (all funds; \$562,970 SGF) to provide dentures to HCBS/FE customers. A 2003 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report estimated that about 30% of the general population of adults 65 years and older were without dentures. The percentage was even higher for seniors living in poverty. We believe this would support denture purchases for approximately 948, or half of the current HCBS/FE customers, at a lifetime limit of \$1,500 per customer. While this estimate would cover the current caseload, KDOA estimates annual expenditures of only \$375,000 (\$148,463 SGF) based on unduplicated annual increases in the HCBS/FE waiver program.

HCBS/FE Waiver, 24-Hour Service Delivery System

The second enhancement I would like to discuss today would increase attendant care services for HCBS/FE customers to 12 hours per day. The HCBS/FE waiver currently limits the number of attendant care hours to eight hours per day. KDOA is requesting an enhancement of \$581,758 (\$230,318 SGF) to allow 12 hours of attendant care within the community. Community-based options for seniors can delay or reduce the need for nursing facility care.

These enhancements are consistent with KDOA's goals of providing an array of choices in services for Kansas seniors with quality services and supports at all levels of individual need.